



Development perspectives of the Western Balkans

27th and 28th October 2016

Montenegro, Budva, Hotel Splendid Conference and Spa Resort

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(subject to change)

Working language: English / Montenegrin

All suggested panelists are tbd /tbc

| 27th October 2016 | |
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| 09:30 – 10:30 | Registration of participants |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | <p>CONFERENCE OPENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Velimir Mijuskovic, President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro • Michael Harms, Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations • Andreas Obersteller, Deputy Director General, Department European Policies, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy <p><u>Keynote speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filip Vujanovic, President of Montenegro |
| 11:15 – 12:45 Panel 1 | <p>THE BERLIN PROCESS – RESULTS AND EXPECTATIONS</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Harms, Executive Director, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milva Ekonomi, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship, Tirana (tbc) • Blerand Stavileci, Minister of Economic Development, Prishtina • Vladimir Kavacic, Minister of Economy, Podgorica • Peter Gaspercic, Minister of Infrastructure, Ljubljana (tbc) • Driton Kuchi, Minister of Economy, Skopje • Tomislav Panenic, Minister of Economy, Zagreb (tbc) • Goran Knezevic, Minister of Economy, Belgrade • Mirko Sarovic, Minister for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship, Sarajevo |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:30 Panel 2 | <p>ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE OF THE WESTERN BALKANS</p> <p><u>Introductory words and Moderation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alain Richard, special envoy of President Hollande for Balkans <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Velimir Mijuskovic, President, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro • Ines Mucostepa, President, Union of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania • Bruno Bojic, President, Foreign-Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina • Luka Burilovic, President, Croatian Economic Chamber • Safet Gerxhaliu, President, Kosovo Chamber of Commerce • Branko Azeski, President, Macedonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Marjan Mackovsek, President, Slovenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Marko Cadez, President, Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry |

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| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 Parallel panels | <p>Panel 3.1 - FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS: EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS</p> <p><i>Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Knapp, Executive Director, AHK Serbia, Albania and Montenegro <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ronald Seeliger, Vice-President SEE, Stada Arzneimittel AG, CEO Hemofarm Group • Snjezana Köpruner, CEO, GS- Maschinenfabrik Travnik, President of the German Bosnian Business Association • Dr. Klaus M. Steinmaurer, Vice President International Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom • Tonino Maglio, CEO Elektroprivreda Crne Gore (a2a) (tbc) • Peter Tabak, Regional Lead Economist, EBRD |
| | <p>Panel 3.2 - ECONOMIC STRUCTURAL REFORM</p> <p><i>Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Saveljic, vice-president, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kirk Mildner, Director of department for Municipal Infrastructure and Transport Southeast Europe and Turkey, KfWDevelopment Bank • Miguel Morgado, Director for Adriatic Sea, EIB • Ljubo Jurcic, president, Croatian Association of Economist • Aleksandar Vlahovic, president, Serbian Association of Economist • Gordana Djurovic, professor, Faculty on Economy, University of Montenegro, ex Deputy Prime Minister • Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council |
| 18:30 | Cocktail reception |

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| 08:30 – 10:00 | <p>Early bird workshop – How to be connected. The Purchasing initiative of the BME</p> <p><u>Discussion between:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olaf Holzgrefe, Head of International & Affairs; BME e.V.; Federal Association Materials Management, Purchasing and Logistics Germany • Muamer Babajic, CEO, MASTERWERK GmbH; Initiator and Founder German competence centre for Robotics in Tuzla |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | <p>THE NATIONAL ECONOMY FOLLOWING TEN YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AND ITS PROSPECTS</p> <p><u>Keynote speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milo Djukanovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro • Hosted by Velimir Mijuskovic, President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30 – 13:00 Parallel panels | <p>Panel 4.1 - ENERGY</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivica Toljan, director, CROPEX Croatian Power Exchange (tbc) <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director Energy Community • Slavoljub Popadic, CEO, Coal Mine, Pljevlja • Dr. Thomas Sichla, Geschäftsführer der RWE Ljubljana • Dragan Laketic, President of the Board, Electric Transmission System of Montenegro • Andreas Chollett, wpd think energy GmbH & Co. KG • Emil Bakić, regional director of Akuo Energy |
| | <p>Panel 4.2 -TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p><u>Moderation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanko Zlokovic, vice-president, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro <p><u>Participants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dejan Lasica, general manager, SEETO • Angelina Zivkovic, deputy Minister for Transport, Montenegro • Robert Sever, Director for Transport, Slovenian Chamber of commerce and industry • Olaf Schaller, Regional Director Southeastern Europe, I.TA-OR (1); DB International GmbH • Milovan Djurickovic, CEO, Airports of Montenegro |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch |

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| <p>14:30 – 16:00 Parallel panels</p> | <p>Panel 5.1 - MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE <i>Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandar Bogdanovic, Mayor of Cetinje, President of the Association of Municipalities of Montenegro <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naim Ismajli, Mayor of Shtime Municipality and President of the Board of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities, President of the Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe • Dr. Kirk Mildner, Director of department for Municipal Infrastructure and Transport Southeast Europe and Turkey, KfWDevelopment Bank • Vladan Vucelic, president of the Board for Municipal infrastructure, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro • Dr. Heike Burghard, Head of the Regional Section South-East Europe, German Water Partnership e.V. • N.N. Austrian municipal association/company (tbc) |
| | <p>Panel 5.2 – EDUCATION: THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS <i>Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antje Müller, Project Manager, Zoran Djindjic Internship Programme of German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulrike Damjanovic, European Training Foundation • Elsa Denaj, HR Training Coordinator, ANTEA Cement Sh. A., Albania • Daska Domljan, Stiftung Wissen am Werk/ Zaklada Znanje na Djelu • Michael Landertshammer, director of Sector for education at Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and director of WI-FI Austria • Boris Jokić, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb |
| <p>16:00 – 17:00 Panel 6</p> | <p>CREATIVE ECONOMY <i>Moderation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefan Kägebein, Coordinator Working Group Digitization <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uranik Begu, Executive Director, Innovation Center Kosovo, Prishtina • Djuro Kutlaca from the Institute Mihajlo Pupin • Marko Stojovic, CT Strategy and Communication Director, Crnogorski Telekom • Zelimir Kramaric, vice president of Croatian Chamber of Economy, Representative of the Chambers Investment Forum |
| <p>17:00 – 17:15</p> | <p>CONFERENCE SUMMARY</p> |